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FELL FOUR STEPS
AND CRUSHED SKULL

Addie Wilburn, of Exchange Alley, Dying at the City Hospital.

Addie Wilburn, a woman residing at No. 141 Exchange Alley, while sweeping down the steps at her home yesterday afternoon, fell backwards down four of them, sustaining a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain, which will cause her death. She was picked up in the narrow hall-way unconscious, and at 12 o'clock last night her condition was unchanged.

The accident was most unusual, the distance she fell being only a few feet, and it is considered remarkable that the result should have been so serious. Dr. Fleckenstein, of the ambulance corps, was summoned and carried the woman to the City Hospital, where she was attended, but from the first there was little reason to believe that her life could be saved.

Other women in the house where the accident occurred say they heard no sound save the striking of the broom handle on the floor, and thought she had let it fall while sweeping. A man who was in one of the first two rooms heard the sound of her falling body, and, running into the hall, found her bleeding from the ears and nose and apparently dead.

She is about thirty years of age, and has been in Richmond several years.

The physicians say there is not one chance in a hundred for her recovery, as the skull is badly crushed at a most fatal point.

NEWS OF RAILROADS

Mr. Brown, of the Coast Line, in the City—Earnings of C. & O.

Mr. O. L. Brown, formerly chief clerk to Mr. R. A. Williams, assistant auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, is in the city on business, having arrived from Wilmington, N. C., where he is now located, on Wednesday. Mr. Brown is now in the office of the purchasing agent of the road.

The sections men in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will ask for an increase from \$1.10 to \$1.25 per day. The company has recently raised their wages from \$1.10 to \$1.15, but \$1.25 will be asked.

A comparative statement of the gross earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company for the first week in December shows \$29,824.44 against \$28,127.65 for the same period last year, a gain over last year's figures of \$1,696.79.

Mr. Thomas Powell left yesterday evening for Huntington, W. Va., where he holds an important position with the Chesapeake and Ohio engineering corps.

Holiday rates on all railroads will go into effect on December 23d, good until January 1st, 1903.

WHAT DID THE LETTER DO?

It Was a Year Going Sixty Miles—Slotted Uncle Sam

"What on earth has that letter been doing?" is a question that is interesting two ladies of Richmond.

A year ago yesterday a young lady of South Third Street put a letter in the Richmond postoffice addressed to a friend who was then at her home in Powhatan county. Yesterday afternoon this friend, who has since married and is residing in Richmond, phoned to the writer of the letter that she had just gotten it.

It reached her in one year precisely from the day it was entrusted to Uncle Sam. What that amiable old gentleman did with it during all that time no one seems to know.

The postmarks show that it went to Powhatan only yesterday and came back yesterday, so that it is evident that the 36 days of idleness were spent in Richmond. Just how the epistle amused itself or drove away the ennui of waiting is beyond knowing. The letter is absolutely dumb on the subject, though otherwise babbling of ancient history.

OFFICES AND FLATS
AT FIFTH AND MAIN

Architect Now Making Preliminary Drawing for Two Five-Story Structures for Va. State.

is contemplating the erection of two first-class brick buildings at Fifth and Main Streets. The corner structure is to be an office building for the first two stories and the home of the Virginia State; the three stories above to be modern flats. The building between this and the Second Presbyterian Church is to be a modern and admirably arranged apartment house.

At a recent meeting of the board Judge Christian was empowered to secure the services of an architect to draw preliminary plans and furnish estimates of the cost of these two structures and make a report about the middle of January. Judge Christian has secured an architect, who is now at work. Judge Christian said last night he had little doubt that this property would be improved as indicated above as soon as practicable.

No site in Richmond offers such advantages for combined offices and flats as this.

KILLED A NEGRO

White Man Hunting Near Locust Dale Shoots Him Accidentally.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

TWYMAN'S MILL, VA., December 11.—Tuesday morning a white man and two negroes, hands on the farm of Mr. E. H. Lovell, Jr. Locust Dale, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention, were hunting in the woods near there. Horace Donald, the white man, shot at a squirrel twice, the gun failed to go off. As he lowered it it fired. The ball struck Henry Johnson, one of the negroes, in the eye, passing through the brain. He lived only a few hours after. The other negro was a brother of the wounded man, and says the shooting was purely accidental.

Quarrelled Over a Woman.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., December 11.—Robert Munsey this afternoon shot and fatally wounded John Matheny, at Ingalls, W. Va. The shooting grew out of a quarrel over a woman to whom Munsey is said to have referred in an insulting manner. Matheny was hit twice, one bullet taking effect in the left lung, and another in the stomach. Munsey secured a horse and drove to Ingalls, W. Va., where he was arrested and lodged in jail. Matheny is probably dead at this writing.

Gooding-Morris.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

TWYMAN'S MILL, VA., December 11.—Mr. Ernest Gooding of this place, and Miss Lila A. Morris of Radcliff, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Morris.

The bridal party were tendered a reception and dance at night by the parents of the bride. The newly wedded couple will make their home here.

Postmaster is Sued.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

DANVILLE, VA., December 11.—A suit has been instituted by the District Attorney in the United States Court against Moses E. Smith, postmaster at Amagoo, a suburb of this city, charging him with misappropriating \$266.14 of the Government's money.

Smith has been deposed and F. D. Mills installed in his stead.

Mrs. John Wilson.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

WAKEFIELD, VA., December 11.—Mrs. John Wilson, widow of Dr. John Wilson, died here today. Mrs. Wilson was in the best of health until a few days ago, when she was very suddenly stricken with pneumonia, which culminated in a case of violent pneumonia.

Mrs. REECE DEAD.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

News was received in the city yesterday morning of the death in Emporia of Mrs. E. C. Reese. Mrs. Reese was well-known in Manchester where she has several relatives.

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INSANE PRISONER
ATTACKS SERGEANT

Mr. Saunders Has His Face Slapped by Crazy Negro.

MURDERER IS KNOWN HERE

Mr. Baldwin Acquainted With Arthur Bishop—Large Crowd at Leader Hall Dance—Can't Get a Quorum—Manchester News.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, No. 1102 Hull Street.

In trying to make an insane prisoner as comfortable as possible City Sergeant J. G. Saunders was pretty roughly handled last evening, having his face slapped and his hat crushed in. The stinging blows left marks discernible some time afterwards. The prisoner is a negro man named "Pinky" Gordon, of powerful build, weighing about two hundred pounds and standing over six feet. He was suddenly bereft of reason Tuesday morning and taken in custody. He gave the officers very little trouble further than talking continuously. At the jail the insane man conceived the idea of tearing his clothes off and Mr. Saunders wished to prevent him if possible, knowing it would be very cold for him if he did not get dressed.

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No quorum—no meeting of the City Council last night. The fourth time there were four members who assembled to elect a chairman. The other eight have been missing. The same four have attended every call. They are Messrs. Charles W. Wade, William Bedford and Carter Jones. Another call will be made some time about the middle of January.

The presentation of "Sir Money's Crusade" at Cowardin Avenue Christian Church last night was equal in every respect to a former production of the play. Mr. W. J. Morrisette, while suffering slightly from a cold, was able to sing, and carried his part of the exercise through with credit. The church was filled to overflowing. Half of the proceeds went to Oak Grove Baptist Church and the other half to Cowardin Avenue Christian Church.

WAS KNOWN HERE.

Arthur Bishop, the slayer of Mr. T. J. Wilson, of Charlotte, N. C., that Tuesday night, and who is now at large, was a young shoe drummer and is well known in Manchester, having been several times in the interest of his home. Mr. H. C. Baldwin, who was acquainted with him and expressed the deepest regret that he should have gotten into such a difficulty. It has not been two weeks since the young man was here and sold a lot of shoes to Mr. Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin said he had never seen him since, and he was sure that the young man who expressed the deepest sorrow for him, and believed that he must have shot the man in self defense.

NICE DANCE.

At Leader Hall last night there was the usual large and merry crowd of dancers, attesting the popularity of the private dancing school being conducted by Messrs. Leroy Latham, Clinton Waymack and James Paulding. Over thirty couples danced last night, about fifty less than dance every Monday night. There will be a string band hereafter, which will add much to the enjoyment.

Mr. E. A. Moses, who has been with the Passengers and Power Company in this city for some time past, has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one with the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

MISS PAUL WEBS.

Mr. John Sterling of Richmond, a prominent merchant of Eighteenth Street, and Miss Amelia Paul, pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Paul, of Manchester, were married yesterday in Washington. The couple are now on their way to visit their home in Richmond.

CAFE STOLEN.

Robbers broke into the stable of Mr. Seimford, of the Seimford and Water Company, Tuesday night and stole a fine calf. There was no clue left.

EXAMINING TITLE.

Mr. E. H. Wells was yesterday morning examining the title to the property of Central Methodist Church, which he will conduct a knitting mill there, having bought it last week for the price of \$250. A. M. Shea, of North Carolina, is at the head of the firm, and property in the latter place may be brought into the city, the mill knitting mill. Manchester labor will be employed in the mill.

PASTOR'S SALARY.

The regular business meeting of the Clifton Street Baptist Church last Sunday was one of the most interesting and encouraging to pastor and people. The pastor is just entering upon his fourth year as pastor of the church, and from the very beginning of his pastorate the work under his leadership has been one of growth and progress. All lines of the church is out of debt, and as a token of their gratitude to God for his blessings, and their determination to insure in service and to express an appreciation of the pastor's work and noble leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Sisk, the church at this meeting heartily and unanimously increased his salary \$200. The old officers, with a few exceptions, were re-elected.

The newly elected officers are: Assistant Pastor, Mrs. C. H. Kahl; Mrs. J. W. Holt, a member of the Finance Committee; and Mrs. Cury Gregory, treasurer of the Missionary Society.

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PRISCILLA PLAYED
TO A FULL HOUSE

One of Most Charming Amateur Performances Ever Seen Here.

SPLENDIDLY TRAINED CHORUS

Pretty Opera Cleverly Played, Handsomely Staged and Well Sung. Mrs. John Murphy Made Charming Priscilla.

The comic opera Priscilla, book by Henry D. Coolidge and score by Thomas W. Surette, was elaborately mounted, capably acted and delightfully sung at the Academy last night for the benefit of the McGill Catholic Union building fund. An audience of colossal proportions greeted the home talent which had its innings and scored very heavily. The theatre was packed to the doors, and a more enthusiastic gathering has never been seen under similar circumstances.

The opera is based on Longfellow's "Courtship of Miles Standish." It tells a beautiful little love story concerning Priscilla, the fairest of the Puritan maidens. All the Puritan youths are deeply in love with her, much to the neglect of the older man, Mr. Standish, who also loves her distractedly, but is too backward to press his suit. Miles Standish, the brave and doughty captain, is also smitten with Priscilla, but claiming to have too little time for courting, he goes into a compact with Mr. Standish to do for him. This Alden readily agrees to do seeks Priscilla and pleads the cause of his friend. Priscilla becomes highly indignant to think that Standish would not take time to do his own wooing, and will not listen to such an assurance.

The opera was a most charming performance, and the chorus, who are to do his friend Standish, and, without knowing it, he declares his own passion to Priscilla, who at once accepts him. Standish becomes very angry, but is finally softened by Priscilla's prayer, and he forgives all and settles on Barbara for a wife.

The opera well defines the character the strict manners and the simple mode of dress of the Puritan folk. They were extremely severe in their ideas of propriety, and in this respect greatly resembled the Quakers, who are afterwards settled in Pennsylvania. The Puritans were a hardy, industrious people, and were among the most successful of our early colonists.

FINE PERFORMANCE.

The opera is in two acts with twenty-two musical numbers. The music is distinctly above the average, though it is doubtful if it will be fully appreciated by the lovers of the lighter form of entertainment. The dialogue is rhymed and at times very bright. The costumes, which were historically correct, lent an atmosphere to the scenes which was quite charming. The performance itself reflected the highest credit on Mr. Melville's management, and the chorus, who were produced, and Mr. Stein, who had charge of the music, it was one of the best amateur performances ever given in this city. That the credit is mainly due to the conscientious work and intelligence of those who took part goes without saying, and the performance marks a distinct advance along the lines of amateur endeavor. The chorus, which numbered seventy-five voices, is one of the largest ever assembled in this city. In volume, in attack and in precision there was really nothing left to desire.

Mrs. John Murphy, who was featured on the programme and in the advance advertising, fully realized the expectations of her friends and gave one of the cleanest cut performances ever presented by an amateur. She has a voice of superb quality and she uses it with skill. Mrs. Murphy made a most charming and clever actress, and the moment when she was not quite convincing.

Miss Annie Newisher, as the middle-aged spinster, gave evidence of marked comic ability, and the three Mayflower buds, played by Miss Mary Manning, Miss Sadie Burdett and Miss Agnes Sittler, were at all times dainty and pleasing.

Mr. Alvin Smith made a very impressive Miles Standish, and sang his part well. Mr. C. A. Canova made an excellent John Alden, fulfilling every expectation. Mr. James Cowardin sang and acted the part of William Bradford with marked ability. Mr. George McDermott, who sang the part of Miles Standish, was a most successful impersonation of the character.

The performance as a whole would have done credit to many professional organizations, and the fact that the opera has been in course of preparation for several weeks, and has been most intelligently directed.

SUITS NOT FILED

Negro Lawyer Hayes Still Working on Declaration.

James Hayes did not file in the United States Court yesterday his suits against the members of the Constitutional Convention, but says he will do so within the next few days. Hayes is still working on his declaration and as soon as it is in shape will bring the suits.

WILL SUE THE CITY

FOR FIFTY THOUSAND

It is understood that Mrs. Bethel, the proprietress of the Franklin House, will bring suit against for damages in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, alleging that it was through negligence on the part of the city that the house was impregnated with gas, resulting in the death of her mother, Mrs. F. D. Gay.

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TAX FRANCHISES
AS PROPERTY

Georgia Takes the Lead and Her Senate Passes the Bill by a Big Majority.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., December 11.—The State Senate today passed a bill providing for an ad valorem tax on the franchises of all corporations in the State which exercise the right of eminent domain.

The bill has passed the House and is now ready for the Governor's signature, which it will receive.

The measure declares all franchises of such corporations to be property; provides that they shall be returned at their value to the comptroller general and taxed the same as all other property in the State.

The measure was fiercely opposed, but received large majorities in both houses. Georgia is the first State in the South to pass a franchise tax measure of this character.

GERMAN TARIFF BILL

Passed Its Second Reading in Reichstag by Vote of 184 to 136.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, December 11.—The tariff bill passed its second reading today by 184 to 136 votes on Baron von Kardorff's motion, taking the bill as a whole, without debating it by paragraphs. This motion, it is said, was suggested by the fact that it caused the violent scenes of the recent weeks. The motion embraced a number of amendments, the result of the compromise agreement between the majority parties and the government. Yet the bill is not considered to be in its final shape.

Chancellor von Buelow addressed the Reichstag today. His speech was disappointing. Both sides of the House considered it too vague and as failing to outline definitely the government programme in the midst of the present confusion.

WORCESTER, MASS., HAS

A \$250,000 FIRE

(By Associated Press.)

WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 11.—A fire which caused damage estimated at \$250,000 broke out in the seven-story Chase building, No. 44 Front Street, in this city at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The heaviest losers were C. T. Shearer and Company, proprietors of a department store, whose loss is placed at \$100,000; the W. J. Woods Company, men's clothing, which suffered a loss of \$50,000.

The building owned by R. C. Taylor, of Worcester, was damaged to the extent of \$25,000. Losses almost covered by insurance.

The firemen had to encounter a dense smoke rising from the store-room, and many were overcome by the smoke in a serious condition.

CIVIL SERVICE

LEAGUE MEETS

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 11.—The twenty-second annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League began here today.

The annual report of the Executive Council commended the policy of President Roosevelt in making Federal appointments and calls attention to the "persistent hostility of professional politicians in both the great national parties to civil service reform."

The report says: "President Roosevelt has done more for the practical enforcement of the civil service law, the elevation of the moral tone of the public service and the general advancement of the improved methods of government than it has fallen to the lot of any other President to do so soon after assuming office."

The special committee on civil service independencies also commends the President as follows:

"The President's consistent following of the principles of civil service reform in the insular appointments has done more than any other measure for the real and substantial establishment of the merit system in our dependencies."

RIVAL LEAGUES

CONFER TO-DAY

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 11.—The members of the committees appointed by the National and American Leagues for the purpose of effecting a peaceful termination of the base-ball war will meet here tomorrow.

President Ban Johnston's reply to the request for a peace conference sent out Wednesday evening by the National League was delivered to Chairman Herrmann, of the committee of the latter body, just before the members of the National League finished their afternoon session at the Hotel Victoria today.

The gentlemen of our organization who are in the city will be pleased to confer with your committee. If it is agreeable to you, a meeting can be arranged for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Those who will take part in the conference are Ban Johnston, president of the American League; Charles Sommers, of Cleveland; J. F. Kilfoyle, president of the Cleveland club; August Herrmann, of Cincinnati; James Hart, of Chicago, and Frank De Haas Robinson, of St. Louis, the three last named representing the National League.

Upon receipt of Mr. Johnston's communication the National League magnates replied, agreeing to the meeting.

THE CURRENCY OF
THE PHILIPPINES

This Was the Subject Discussed at Washington With Vice-Governor Wright.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The Senate Committee on the Philippines today discussed with Vice-Governor Wright the monetary situation in the archipelago. It was generally agreed that there would be difficulties in changing the currency in the islands. The consensus of opinion was expressed that the unit of value in the Philippines should be a gold peso of 12.19 grains of gold, which is one-half the value of the United States gold dollar, and the peso in silver should be made legal tender of equal value to units.

Another feature upon which Governor Wright and the members of the committee agreed was that United States currency should not be made legal tender in the islands, as the silver dollar would then be worth twice as much as the peso containing more silver than the dollar, which would encourage counterfeiting of the United States dollars.

RECEIVER FOR SEVERAL

ALABAMA COMPANIES

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 11.—Robert J. Lowe was today appointed receiver of the Continental Security Redemption Company, the Southern Debenture Company, the National Debenture Company and the Birmingham Debenture Company, the appointment being made under a decree rendered by Chancellor John C. Carmichael in the case of Browne T. Bringer et al. vs. the Continental Security Redemption Company et al.

A receiver has already been appointed by the United States Court and is now in charge under the decree rendered by Chancellor Carmichael the receiver, Lowe, was instructed to file a bill in the United States Circuit Court, appointed by that court, be instructed to turn over to the receiver of the State all of the property of the several concerns. The issue will then be made, and the fight will be upon he question of jurisdiction.

Spanish Steamer Daged.

(By Associated Press.)

TARRAGONA, December 11.—The Spanish steamer Catalina, Captain Jauregui, from New Orleans, via Cuba and Malaga, and bound to Barcelona and Genoa, while entering this port today struck a pier and had her bows damaged.

McKeever Acquitted.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, December 11.—John McKeever, who was charged with the murder of John Kensis, the anti-Ritualist crusader, has been acquitted.

Lost Two Hundred Dollars.

P. S. Dickinson, a farmer from Hanover county, lost a purse containing something over \$200 on Broad Street late yesterday afternoon. In addition there was in the pocketbook cash receipts for \$150, the man having paid out this amount during the day. The loss is thought to have been sustained between Third Street and Brook Avenue.

Too Full for Utterance.

Confined in a cell at the Second Police Station there is an unknown, well-dressed white man, and the officers have been unable to ascertain his name or identity. When arrested the fellow was too drunk to talk and nothing could be learned from him, and after being placed in a